

CLAIMS

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method comprising:
recording a spoken utterance;
evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy;
evaluating the spoken utterance for duration;
assigning a score to the spoken utterance based on the accuracy and the duration.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the spoken utterance comprises a recitation of a sentence in a spoken language.
3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising playing a benchmark audio to a student via a computing device, the benchmark audio comprising a sentence recited in a language to be learned by the student, and wherein evaluating the spoken utterance comprises comparing the spoken utterance from the student with the benchmark audio.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the assigned score to the speaker of the spoken utterance.
5. The method of claim 4, further comprising uploading assigned score to a server module to provide a learning history to a remote teacher.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy comprises evaluating the pronunciation of the spoken utterance against a benchmark.
7. The method of Claim 1, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises measuring the duration of the spoken utterance and comparing it to the duration of a benchmark utterance.
8. The method of Claim 1, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises dividing the spoken utterance into words and comparing the duration of each word to the duration of each word of a benchmark utterance.
9. A machine-readable medium carrying data, that when operated on by the machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:
 - recording a spoken utterance;
 - evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy;
 - evaluating the spoken utterance for duration;
 - assigning a score to the spoken utterance based on the accuracy and the duration.
10. The medium of Claim 9, wherein the spoken utterance comprises a recitation of a sentence in a spoken language.
11. The medium of Claim 9, further comprising playing a benchmark audio to a student via a computing device, the benchmark audio comprising a sentence recited in a

language to be learned by the student, and wherein evaluating the spoken utterance comprises comparing the spoken utterance from the student with the benchmark audio.

12. The medium of claim 9, further comprising providing the assigned score to the speaker of the spoken utterance.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising uploading assigned score to a server module to provide a learning history to a remote teacher.

14. The medium of Claim 9, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy comprises evaluating the pronunciation of the spoken utterance against a benchmark.

15. The medium of Claim 9, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises measuring the duration of the spoken utterance and comparing it to the duration of a benchmark utterance.

16. The medium of Claim 9, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises dividing the spoken utterance into words and comparing the duration of each word to the duration of each word of a benchmark utterance.

17. An apparatus comprising:
an accuracy evaluation block to evaluate a spoken utterance for accuracy;
a speed evaluation block to evaluate the spoken utterance for duration; and

a fluency evaluation block coupled to the accuracy evaluation block and to the speed evaluation block to assign a score to the spoken utterance based on the accuracy and the duration.

18. The method of Claim 17, further comprising a computing device to play a benchmark audio to a student, the benchmark audio comprising a sentence recited in a language to be learned by the student, and wherein evaluating the spoken utterance comprises comparing the spoken utterance from the student with the benchmark audio.

19. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a computing device to provide the assigned score to the speaker of the spoken utterance.

20. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computing device further comprises an online client to upload the assigned score to a server module to provide a learning history to a remote teacher.